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Fish and Wildlife Manager to Retire

Leon W. Murphy, director of fish and wildlife habitat management for the Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA Forest Service will retire July 22 after 17 years with the agency, according to Regional Forester Jeff M. Sirmon.

A native of Idaho and a 1949 fisheries graduate of the University of Washington, Murphy was employed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for 17 years prior to his Forest Service career.

His Forest Service employment has been in the Regional Office in Portland, beginning in 1966 as fisheries biologist. Murphy received two promotions since then and was named to his present position in 1975.

Other government service includes three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II when he served aboard a destroyer with the rank of ensign.

Murphy is a member of the Wildlife Society and the American Fisheries Society and served as president of the Oregon Chapter in 1970.